

# Springdale Communicator

"Taste & See that the Lord is Good!"  
(Psalm 34:8)

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## Remember in prayer:

- Dick Alderfer & Dave Powell (see note);
- Haiti Relief Kit Project (see note);
- Love INC (see note).



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## Tending Our Faith Community

Don't forget the **congregational birthday celebration** today, at 6:30 p.m., here at the church. There will be a variety of activities that involve people of all ages. Please come!



Remember to pray for the Virginia Mennonite Missions **teams in Haiti**, including Dick Alderfer. Dave Powell will be leaving this week with another group. If you would like to contribute towards the expenses of these trips, please make checks payable to Springdale, marked "Haiti Medical Trips."

Also, pray for the **MCC Haiti Relief Kit Project** that will be supported and led by Springdale and district congregations. More details will follow.

Pastor Mark will be attending the **Virginia Mennonite Conference Ministry Retreat** next weekend, Feb. 5-7, at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. The theme will be "Every Church an Organic Church: Cultivating Communal & Missional Practices in the Congregation . . . Naturally."

There will be a short meeting next Sun., Feb. 7, immediately following the worship service, for students & parents interested in participating in the **Congregational Aid Plan** for 2010-2011. If you have questions or have not received plan information and a covenant form in the mail and may be eligible to participate, please talk to Nancy Stoll.

There will be a **Fellowship Meal** next Sun., Feb. 7, following the morning worship service. Please bring food and drink to share!

The **Discerning Committee** has nominated Danny Showalter to serve as Fellowship & Care Commission Coordinator (thru 8/31/10) and Lisa Showalter as Bible School Co-Coordinator (thru 8/31/10). Please give affirmations or concerns to a member of the Discerning Committee today.

Also, **Ministry Team** has nominated Joshua Fairfield to serve as the Congregational Peace Advocate (thru 8/31/10). Affirmations or concerns should be given to a Ministry Team member today.



You can read **updates** from the medical team in **Haiti** at [www.missionaryjames.com](http://www.missionaryjames.com). Also, you can keep up with Regina Wenger during her time in **Prague** at [reginaspragueblog.blogspot.com](http://reginaspragueblog.blogspot.com).

If you would like to **renew your membership covenant** at Springdale, please read and sign the large poster in the foyer.

**Menno Bucks Café** will be held on Feb. 7, 14 & 28, at 9 a.m.

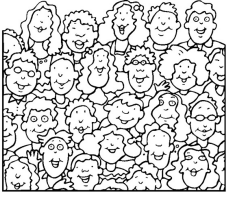
If you would like a **prayer partner** during the current year, please let Phyllis Stevens know by placing a note in her church mailbox.

"Thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes for Pop's 80th birthday. It really made this a very special time for him! Blessings!" - Paula Martin

Check the bulletin board for a **recent note** from Kristen Thomas.

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## Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning



**Today:**  
No evening youth meetings

**Sun., Feb. 7:** JMYF/MYF Super Bowl party at the Myers' home. Please bring a snack to share (6 p.m.).

**Feb. 19-21:** Conference-sponsored MYF Retreat at Highland

## Embracing Our Broader Community

If you have not yet returned your **baby bottle for ComfortCare Women's Health**, please bring it to the church office this week. Thanks!

Springdale is serving as the host congregation for Menonite Mutual Aid's "**Stewardship University**" on Sat., March 20, 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. **Volunteers are needed** to provide childcare for nursery-age children and childcare/activities/snacks for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Funds will be available to cover the cost of snacks and activities. If you are willing to help serve in this way, please contact *Nancy Stoll*.

A **partnership of local churches** is considering ways to share resources to local people in need through **Love INC** ([www.loveinc.org](http://www.loveinc.org)). Please pray for clarity and discernment and for a person to provide leadership for this ministry. If you might have an interest in providing this leadership, please contact *Pastor Mark*.

Copies of Menonite Mission Network's "**Prayer Vine**" for February are available in the literature rack.

**Highland Retreat's Benefit Auction** will be held Feb. 27 to benefit the summer camp program. Please consider donating a new product or service, such as crafted wood items, pottery, quilts, comforters, gift certificates, ethnic meals, baked goods, home roasted coffee, oak firewood, antiques. Contact Highland Retreat at [info@highlandretreat.org](mailto:info@highlandretreat.org) or call 540-852-3226 and ask for *Ben* or *Kent*.

**Celebrate Valentine's Day all weekend!** MennoFolk and Ted & Company Theater-Works team up to present drama, music and laughter on Feb. 12 and 13 in the Eastern Mennonite School Auditorium. Check the bulletin board for details.

The **Mennonite Men of Virginia's Annual Retreat** will be held Mar. 5-7 at the W'burg Christian Retreat Center with *Ervin Stutzman* as the guest speaker. Brochures/registration forms are under the church mailboxes.

**VA Mennonite Missions Note:** *Willard & Eva Eberly*, VMM Mediterranean Regional Director and Assistant, ask us to pray for the mission workers and small groups of believers in Montenegro that have formed since 1991. There are many barriers to the Gospel in this country. May these be replaced with Christ's love and compassion for all.

**A Partners in Mission Work Group to Nazareth and**



**Bethlehem**, May 7-24, has openings for more interested persons. Volunteer service will be given at Nazareth Village and International Center of Bethlehem. Registration is required by Feb. 5. Contact group leader *Dorothy Jean Weaver* 540-432-4276 or [weaverdj@emu.edu](mailto:weaverdj@emu.edu).

Mark your calendars for the ComfortCare Women's Health "**Walk for Life**" event coming up on May 8.

### Items on the Bulletin Board:

- *Community Taizé service at Park View M.C., Wed., Feb. 3, 8:30 p.m.;*
- *Women's Bible Study at Park View M.C., beginning Feb. 3;*
- *Legacy Five concert, Feb. 7, 3 p.m., at EMHS;*
- *Evening/weekend courses available at Eastern Mennonite Seminary;*
- *Upcoming retreats sponsored by Blue Ridge Ministries.*

